

# Appendix A

## Existing programs

The Active Transportation Fund builds on a significant legacy of past and existing programs that help grow active transportation in communities across the country. Funded projects include the Grouse Mountain Regional Park trails in North Vancouver, the Flora Foot Bridge in Ottawa, a bikeway extension in Corner Brook, and a new cycling path along the Mine, Notch and Kingsmere corridor in Chelsea, Quebec.

### Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)

Under the *Investing in Canada Plan*, the Government of Canada is delivering \$33 billion in funding to communities through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The program, which is delivered through bilateral agreements with provinces and territories, provides long-term, stable funding in order to:

- Help communities reduce air and water pollution, provide clean water, increase resilience to climate change and create a clean-growth economy;
- Build strong, dynamic and inclusive communities;
- Ensure Canadian families have access to modern, reliable services that improve their quality of life; and,
- Address the challenges faced by communities as a result of COVID-19, including supporting active transportation infrastructure.

Investments in infrastructure are being made through the following targeted funding streams:



Active transportation projects have been funded under ICIP as part of the Public Transit and Green Infrastructure streams, respectively. The Active Transportation Fund will help accelerate the implementation of future projects, and generate the greatest possible economic, social and environmental impacts for Canadians.

Additionally, under ICIP, a new temporary COVID-19 Resilience stream, with over \$3 billion available in existing funding, has been created to provide provinces and territories with added flexibility to fund quick-start, short-term projects that might not otherwise be eligible under the existing funding streams. It provides provinces and territories with the flexibility to transfer up to 10% of original stream allocations to the new COVID-19 Resilience stream to help mobilize their remaining funds under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. Active transportation

infrastructure projects – including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes and multi-use paths – are among the eligible projects that can be submitted under an accelerated and streamlined approvals process.

### Active Transportation Fund (ATF)

The ATF is a \$400-million fund that will be delivered over five years. It will support communities as they build vibrant neighborhoods where people can safely live, work and play. The fund will also help Canadians living in rural communities and places without active transportation options to unlock the potential in their communities. All applications – which will be received directly from municipalities, Indigenous communities, provinces, territories, and any eligible partners – will be considered in light of how they will be able to advance active transportation in their respective communities. This can include both capital projects like multi-use pathways, footbridges, bike lanes, new lighting, and wayfinding signage – and soft costs for planning and programs that help communities create the necessary environment for active transportation to succeed.

### Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI)

The Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI) is providing up to \$31 million in existing federal funding to support communities as they deploy new ways to adapt spaces and services to respond to immediate and ongoing needs arising from COVID-19 over the next two years. The initiative is supporting projects under three main themes:

- Creating safe and vibrant public spaces,
- Improving mobility options, and
- Digital solutions.



CHCI supports a range of projects that deliver mobility and transportation options, including walking, cycling, or connecting to public transit. This means that people will be able to travel throughout their communities, and access public spaces, while respecting public health guidelines.

### Canada Community-Building Fund

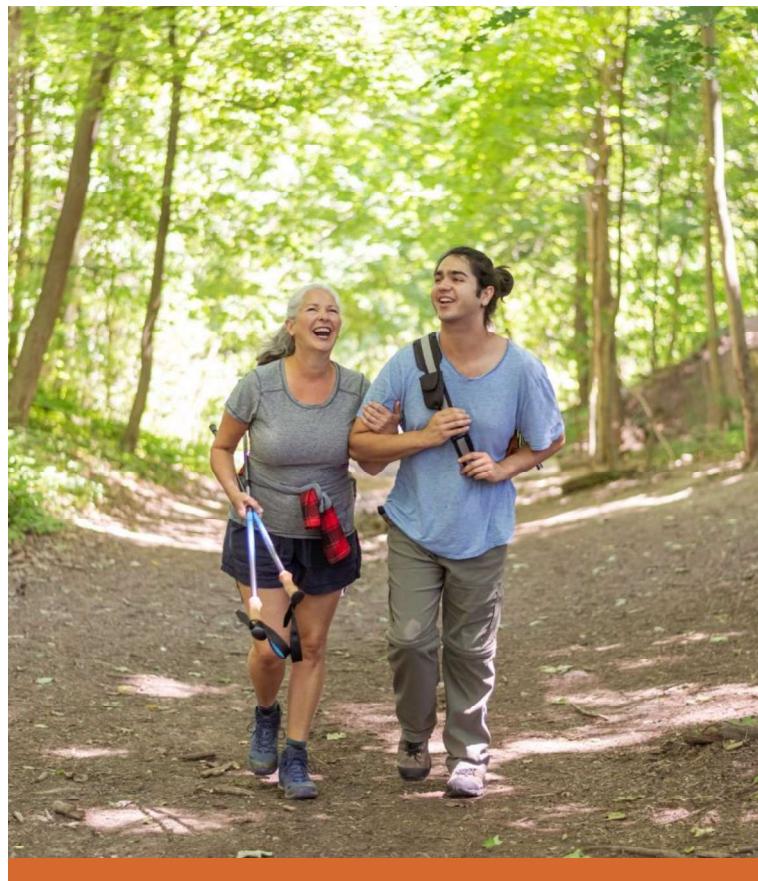
The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) is a permanent source of funding provided up front, twice-a-year, to provinces and territories, who in turn flow this funding to their municipalities to support local infrastructure priorities. Municipalities can pool, bank and borrow against this funding, providing significant financial flexibility. The CCBF delivers over \$2 billion every year to 3600 communities across the country. In recent years the funding has supported approximately 4000 projects each year. Communities select how best to direct the funds with the flexibility to make strategic investments across 18 different project categories. Active transportation infrastructure including sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and multi-use paths are eligible under the various categories of the CCBF.

## Natural Infrastructure Fund

The Natural Infrastructure Fund (NIF) is a new \$200 million fund which will support projects that use natural or hybrid approaches to protect the natural environment, support healthy and resilient communities, contribute to economic growth, and improve access to nature for Canadians. This will help to improve well-being, mitigate the impacts of climate change, improve access to nature for Canadians, and prevent costly natural events.

## Disaster Mitigation and Adaption Fund (DMAF)

The Disaster Mitigation and Adaption Fund is a national merit-based program that supports infrastructure projects that help communities better manage the risks of disasters triggered by natural hazards. As part of Budget 2021, an additional \$1.4 billion in federal funding over 12 years was announced to renew the DMAF; this builds upon the \$2 billion commitment over 10 years announced in 2018. Eligible investments aim to reduce the socio-economic, environmental and cultural impacts of natural hazards and extreme weather events when considering current and potential future climate change impacts.



## Permanent Public Transit Program

The Permanent Public Transit Program (PPTP) will provide \$3 billion/year for public transit starting in 2026/27. This funding will offer cities and communities the predictable funding they need to plan for the future, and will help to create one million jobs, fight climate change, and help to sustain a resilient economy. Investing in public transit for the future will include ensuring Canadians can more easily access mobility options, and create solutions that meet their needs. While the Government's approach to the PPTP is still being developed, a permanent source of funding for public transit will undoubtedly offer the greatest benefits to communities and improve the quality of life for Canadians across the country.



People who walk or cycle to work reduce their risk of developing chronic disease by

**11%**